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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**Docket No. FAA-2015-3675; Airspace Docket No. 15-ANM-19**

**Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Walla Walla, WA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies Class D airspace, Class E surface area airspace, Class E surface area airspace designated as an extension, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Walla Walla Regional Airport, Walla Walla, WA. After a review of the airspace, the FAA found it necessary to amend the airspace areas for the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations for arriving and departing aircraft at the airport. This action also updates the geographic coordinates of Walla Walla Regional Airport in the respective Class D and E airspace areas above.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, July 21, 2016. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under Title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, S.W.,

Washington, D.C., 20591; telephone: 202-267-8783. The Order is also available for inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of FAA Order 7400.9Z at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal-regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal-regulations/ibr_locations.html).

FAA Order 7400.9, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes controlled airspace at Walla Walla, WA.

**History**

On November 27, 2015, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify Class D airspace, Class E surface area airspace, Class E surface area airspace designated as an extension, and Class E airspace extending

upward from 700 feet above the surface at Walla Walla Regional Airport, Walla Walla, WA, (80 FR 74063) Docket No. FAA-2015-3675. The FAA found these modifications necessary to ensure the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations for arriving and departing aircraft at the airport. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 5000, 6002, 6004, and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order 7400.9Z, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1.

#### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015. FAA Order 7400.9Z is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order 7400.9Z lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

#### **The Rule**

This amendment to Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 71 modifies Class D airspace, Class E surface area airspace, Class E surface area airspace designated as an extension, and Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Walla Walla Regional Airport, Walla Walla, WA. Class D airspace and all Class E airspace areas are modified to correct geographic latitude and longitude (lat. /long.) errors in the legal description. Class E airspace designated as an extension is modified to include that area within 2.7 miles each side of the Walla Walla Airport 215° bearing extending from

the 4.3-mile radius to 7.5 miles southwest of the airport, and that airspace within 4.1 miles each side of the airport 035° bearing extending from the 4.3-mile radius to 13.4 miles northeast of the airport. Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface is modified to include that area bounded by a line beginning at lat. 45°52'29" N., long. 118°23'027" W; to Lat. 45°49'51" N, Long. 118°26'02" W; to Lat. 45°57'17" N, Long. 118°40'49" W; to Lat. 46°10'22" N, Long. 118°27'48" W; to Lat. 46°08'46" N, Long. 118°24'32" W; to Lat. 46°14'38" N, Long. 118°18'44" W; to Lat. 46°16'07" N, Long. 118°21'47" W.; to lat. 46°29'20" N., long. 118°08'35" W.; to lat. 46°22'02" N., long. 117°53'24" W; to Lat. 46°14'25" N, Long. 118°01'11" W.; and that airspace within a 13.4-mile radius of point in space coordinates at lat. 46°03'27"N., long. 118°12'20"W., from the 052° bearing from the Walla Walla Regional Airport clockwise to the 198° bearing.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current, is non-controversial and unlikely to result in adverse or negative comments. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 5-6.5a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

**Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air).

**Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

**PART 71 --DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for Part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

**§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order 7400.9Z, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 6, 2015, and effective September 15, 2015, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 5000: Class D Airspace.

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**ANM WA D Walla Walla, WA**

Walla Walla Regional Airport, WA

(Lat. 46°05' 43" N, Long. 118°17' 09" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface to and including 3,700 feet MSL within a 4.3-mile radius of the Walla Walla Regional Airport. This Class D airspace area is effective during the specific dates and times established in advance by a Notice to Airmen. The effective date and time will thereafter be continuously published in the Airport/Facility Directory.

Paragraph 6002: Class E Airspace Designated as Surface Areas.

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**ANM WA E2 Walla Walla, WA**

Walla Walla Regional Airport, WA

(Lat. 46°05' 43" N, Long. 118°17' 09" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within a 4.3-mile radius of the Walla Walla Regional Airport.

Paragraph 6004: Class E Airspace Areas Designated as an Extension to a Class D or Class E Surface Area.

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**ANM WA E4 Walla Walla, WA**

Walla Walla Regional Airport, WA

(Lat. 46°05' 43" N, Long. 118°17' 09" W)

That airspace extending upward from the surface within 2.7 miles each side of the Walla Walla 215° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.3-mile radius of Walla Walla Regional Airport to 7.5 miles southwest of the airport, and within 4.1 miles each side of the Walla Walla 35° bearing from the airport extending from the 4.3-mile radius of Walla Walla Regional Airport to 13.4 miles northeast of the airport.

Paragraph 6005: Class E Airspace Areas Extending Upward from 700 feet or More Above the Surface of the Earth.

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**ANM WA E5 Walla Walla, WA**

Walla Walla Regional Airport, WA

(Lat. 46°05' 43" N, Long. 118°17' 09" W)

Walla Walla Regional Airport, point in space coordinates

(Lat. 46°03'27" N, Long. 118°12'20" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface bounded by a line beginning at lat. 45°52'29" N., long. 118°23'027" W; to Lat. 45°49'51" N, Long. 118°26'02" W; to Lat. 45°57'17" N, Long. 118°40'49" W; to Lat. 46°10'22" N, Long. 118°27'48" W; to Lat. 46°08'46" N, Long. 118°24'32" W; to Lat. 46°14'38" N, Long. 118°18'44" W; to Lat. 46°16'07" N, Long. 118°21'47" W; to Lat. 46°29'20" N, Long. 118°08'35" W; to Lat 46°22'02" N, Long. 117°53'24" W; to Lat. 46°14'25" N, Long. 118°01'11" W.; and that airspace within a 13.4-mile radius of point in space coordinates at lat. 46°03'27"N., long. 118°12'20"W., from the 052° bearing from the Walla Walla Regional Airport clockwise to the 198° bearing.

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